

Combined Weed Program

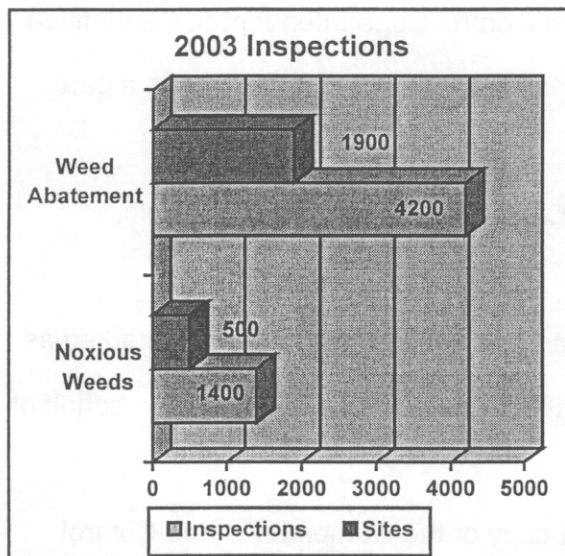
City of Lincoln

2003 Work Plan

The Combined Weed Program for the City of Lincoln is administered by the Lancaster County Weed Control Authority as a result of an interlocal agreement between the City and County.

Management of Weeds

The authority plans on by making 5,600 inspections of 2,300 sites to encourage landowners to manage their noxious weeds and provide for weed abatement.



Weed Abatement

- Make 4,200 inspections of 1,900 sites as a result of complaints received and observations by inspectors.
- Schedule advance inspections of 101 problem sites.

Noxious Weeds

- Make 1,400 inspections of 500 sites.
- 700 sites have been pre-selected for inspection.
- Provide noxious weed control to the landfill sites.

Increase voluntary compliance

- Obtain 92% landowner compliance
- Contact owners with multiple violations or force cutting.
- Seek assistance and/or cooperation of Planning Department and realtor and building associations to obtain timely cutting by developers and homebuilders.
- Offer a list of violators with multiple violations to the media/newspapers.

Encourage control efforts on public lands and railroads.

- Update public land contacts.
- Contact, provide maps and follow-up to the 2 railroads.
- Continue to contract for weed control on landfill & recycling sites

Awareness

- Continue a Purple Loosestrife Information Campaign
- Provide neighbor friendly information on use of natural areas
- Update *Be Neighbor Friendly* brochures on noxious weeds and weed overgrowth
- Maintaining and updating Internet Homepage at www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds
- Prepare Weed Awareness Insert to Cooperative Extension Service Nebline.
- Publish articles, display exhibit and make presentations.

Program Management

- Provide monthly reports to City Council, Mayor and County Commissioners.
- Prepare an annual plan and budget.
- Prepare annual report and recommendations.
- Utilize data base, GIS and field digital entry for managing program.
- Coordinate efforts with Parks & Recreation Department on maintenance of landscape plantings within sidewalk space.

